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In re Application of :
Alstyne, et al. : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Application No. 09/489,850 :
Filed: January 24, 2000 :
For: 51916/107 :

This decision is in response to the renewed petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed January 12, 2009.

The petition is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.181." This is not a final agency decision.

The provisions of 37 CFR 1.33(b) state that "[a]mendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by: (1) A patent practitioner of record appointed in compliance with § 1.32(b); (2) A patent practitioner not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34; (3) An assignee as provided for under § 3.71(b) of this chapter; or (4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter."

The instant renewed petition is not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33(b)(4) in that it is not signed by each inventor named in the application. Accordingly, the petition has not been reviewed on the merits.

Any renewed petition and accompanying documents must be properly executed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 prior to treatment on the merits.

Petitioners' request for change of correspondence address, which is properly signed by each inventor pursuant to 37 CFR 1.33(b)(4) has been entered into the record.

An examination of this application reveals that petitioners may be unfamiliar with patent prosecution and petition procedures. While an inventor may prosecute the application, lack of skill in this field usually acts as a liability in affording the maximum protection for the invention disclosed. Applicants may wish to consider securing the services of a registered patent attorney.

or agent to prosecute the application, since the value of a patent is largely dependent upon skilled preparation and prosecution. The Office cannot aid in selecting an attorney or agent.

A listing of registered patent attorneys and agents is available on the USPTO Internet web site <http://www.uspto.gov> in the Site Index under "Attorney and Agent Roster". Applicants may also obtain a list of registered patent attorneys and agents located in their area by writing to the Mail Stop OED, Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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